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INTRODUCTION

The City of San Marcos applied for and was granted a Certified Local Government Grant from the Texas Historical Commission in 1991. This grant amount was then matched by Mayor Kathy Morris and the City Council.

The grant proposed that an intern be hired from Southwest Texas State University to assist in the research project. The establishment of individual files for each property and structure within the three designated historic districts was first priority. A property owner list was compiled for the Belvin Street Historic District, San Antonio Street Historic District, and the Downtown Historic District. This master list was used to determine the correct legal description for each parcel of land using the Central Appraisal District Certified Tax Rolls as the source of information.

Using the <u>Guidelines for Survey and Planning Grants</u> a "Texas Historical Sites Inventory Form" was designed and the City of San Marcos Historic Commission established a ACTION PLAN for staff to follow as this survey progressed. Knowing that the entire survey form could not be completed for all three districts within the given time period, the Commission established a goal, determining which questions would be researched with this grant. This goal was achieved. Additional information on the forms will be filled in as time allows and information becomes available.

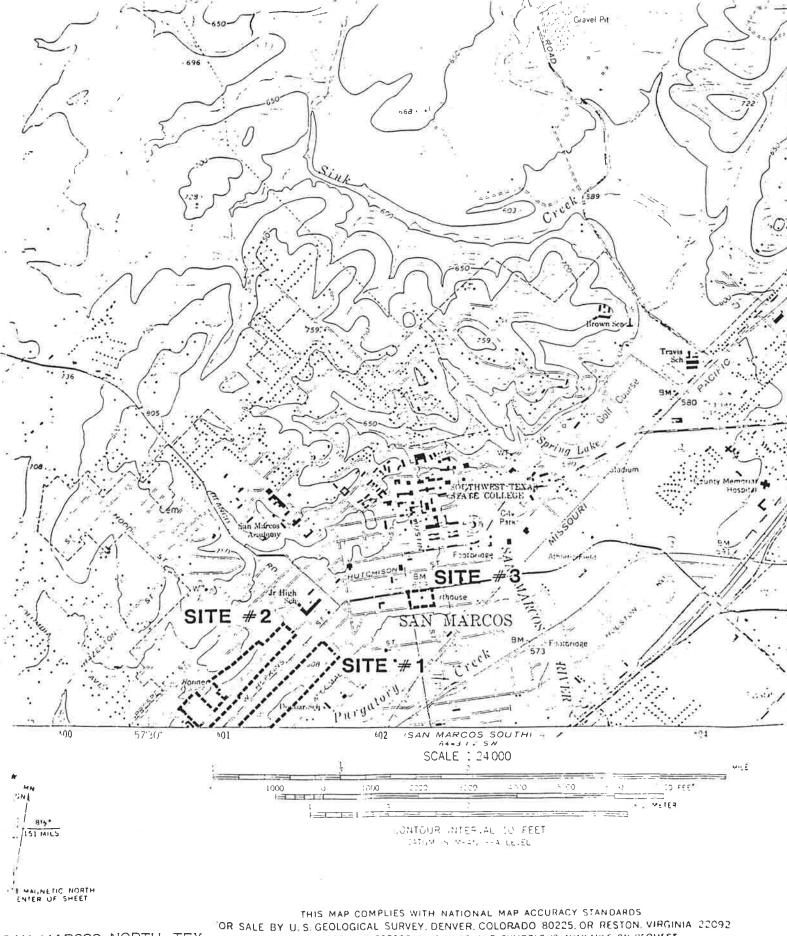
The U.S.G.S. maps indicate the three sites as required. Additionally, the Planning and Development Services Cartographer produced maps for each file showing the property location within the respective district. The Belvin Street Historic District contains an aerial map (1985) of the structure(s) on the property. This type of map will be completed for the San Antonio Street Historic District during this year.

The Downtown Historic District survey was completed on the "Texas Historic Sites Inventory Form" for Commercial Properties. This differs from the residential areas most notably because there are instances where several addresses occur within one structure. There are instances where portions of the same building are under different ownership. There are instances where there are multiple facades on the same building servicing different addresses. We have handled this in the prescribed manner for historic surveys. One must pay close attention to detail, when referencing a specific structure. Address correlation will be the first step.

All ownership and occupant information is effective as of January 1992. This information is not going to be updated. However, there is an "Index Sheet" within the individual property file which will provide reference to case file numbers where Certificates of Appropriateness have been sought from the Historic Preservation Commission for alteration, demolition,

addition to the structure or signage. These applications will contain current ownership.

A set of contact sheets from black and white photos taken in July of 1992, was prepared for the Belvin Street Historic District. Negatives and a set of contact sheets are on file in the Planning and Development Services Department as well. Slides are taken prior to consideration of Certificates of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission and will be filed in the individual property's permanent file.



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